



Gowrie Group to be a Presenting Sponsor and Speaker at the Connecticut Shoreline Yacht Summit: *Enjoy Every Moment Aboard Your Yacht*

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Gowrie Group, a prominent independent insurance agency, is proud to be a presenting sponsor of the Connecticut Shoreline Yacht Summit: *“Enjoy Every Moment Aboard Your Yacht”*. Gowrie Group is joined by several other prestigious marine companies in jointly sponsoring this exciting new event - Bohannon Law Firm, Northrop & Johnson, Burgees, Bank of America Global Wealth Management, and Becket & Co.

This invitation only luxury yachting summit, being hosted at the Saybrook Point Inn on May 23rd from 1:30 to 5:30pm, will commission the New England yachting season. The first part of the afternoon will include dynamic presentations and panel discussions about marine trends and best practices for streamlining all aspects of the yachting experience from financing, construction, operation, and maintenance to managing risk and all liabilities associated with luxury yacht ownership. These presentations will be led by experts from the marine community, including Dawn Speros of Gowrie Group. Following the presentations, there will be a reception and an opportunity to go aboard several luxury yachts including VENDETTA, Billy Joel's 57' classic commuter-yacht built in 2005 and TRUANT, a Vicem 70' Flybridge which is the flagship of the Down East style Classic series.

Dawn Speros, a Senior [Yacht Insurance](#) Specialist at Gowrie Group, will present an engaging session on the **“Opportunities in the Changing Marine Insurance Marketplace.”** Her session will address these three main points:

1. **Hurricane Sandy** was a game changer for the insurance industry.
2. **Insurance companies are changing the requirements and algorithms used to insure yachts, coastal homes, and businesses;** rates are on the rise and double-digit increases in premiums for boats, homes, and flood policies are becoming common.
3. **Solution to the changing insurance landscape:** Smart coverage adjustments, portfolio aggregation, and forming a relationship with a risk management adviser who can navigate you through the fluctuations in the broader marine and personal insurance marketplace.



Dawn M. Speros is a twenty-five year veteran of the marine insurance industry and a Senior Yacht Insurance Specialist at Gowrie Group. She has been a licensed yacht agent for over 25 years and provides her clients with national and worldwide yacht insurance coverage. She is active in many marine trade organizations including RIMTA, CTMTA, Yacht Brokers Association of America, and others. She heads YBAA's Insurance Task Force and is a member of their Advisory Board. Dawn operates out of Gowrie's downtown Newport, RI office on Thames Street. **For more information about the CT Shoreline Yacht Summit, or to request an invitation, contact Dawn Speros at dawns@gowrie.com at 401.848.0200.**

Gowrie Group provides insurance and risk management solutions to individuals and businesses throughout the US, and specializes in customized marine, business, home, auto, yacht, and equine insurance products and services. Gowrie Group is the largest independent marine insurance group in the US and is one of the leading personal lines agencies in New England. Gowrie is endorsed by US Sailing the national governing body for the sport. Gowrie's 135+ dedicated professionals are primarily located in the company's main offices in Westbrook CT, Darien CT, Newport RI, and North Kingstown, RI. For more information about Gowrie Group visit www.gowrie.com or call 800.262.8911.